GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to further strengthen the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO);

(b) whether the Government have formulated any schemes to make available free medicines and to rehabilitate the persons suffering from AIDS in rural areas; and

(c) the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Government of India has already strengthened the National AIDS Control Organization and State AIDS Control Societies for the effective implementation of the programme in the country in Phase II of National AIDS Control Project.

(b) & (c)Government is providing treatment for opportunistic infections in HIV/AIDS patients free of cost in all public sector hospitals, both in urban and rural areas. Government encourages Non-Government organizations & community based organizations to provide social support to persons suffering from AIDS in rural areas.